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REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS.

State League of Republican Clubs—
Charleston, March 23.

State Delegate Convention—Clarksburg,
May 14.

State Nominating Convention—Parkers-
burg, July 22.

REPUBLICAN STATE LEAGUE MEETING.

To the Republican Clubs of West Virginia.

The annual meeting of the Republican
State League Clubs of West Virginia will
be held in the city of Charleston on
Wednesday, March 23, 1896, for the pur-
pose of electing officers for the coming
year, considering plans for a permanent
organization and the election of delegates
to the National League meeting.

Each club is allowed five delegates and
five alternates.

Representatives are urged to organize clubs
at once and send the name of the club
and list of officers to the president at
Charleston, immediately. A full attend-
ance is desired at this the opening meeting
of the presidential campaign. The work
of organizing clubs should be pressed
with vigor at all times.

By order of the committee.

W. H. VICTOR, Secy., President.

J. W. STUCK, Secretary.

At the last meeting of the Republican
State League the following resolution
was adopted:

Resolved, That this committee request
the Republican Clubs of West Virginia
to assemble at Charleston at the time of
the meeting of the Republican State Club
League for the purpose of organizing an
association to forward the interests of the
Republican party in the coming cam-
paign. WILLIAM M. O. DAWSON,
Chairman.

Kingwood, W. Va., Feb. 29, 1896.

Visit of the Rivers and Harbors Com-
mittee.

The city of Wheeling and the neigh-
boring towns of the upper Ohio and
Monongahela valleys, through their
representative business men and their
wives and daughters, will welcome to-
night at the McClure house distin-
guished visitors who come on a mission
which is of the very greatest importance
to the vast commercial interests of this
section of the Union. It is needless to
say that the welcome will be cordial and
hospitable, and yet there will be an ele-
ment of selfishness in it for which the
hosts may be pardoned. The visitors
will understand all that it means, which
is to impress upon them the fact that
this great industrial community is deeply
interested in its own development,
and looks to those to whom has been
delegated the power by the national
house of representatives to set on foot
an undertaking in the line of progress
which has been too long delayed.

It is fortunate for us that the mem-
bers of the house rivers and harbors
committee have been prevailed upon to
make a personal tour of inspection of
the Monongahela and Ohio rivers, for
by doing so they are better able to judge
of the needs in the way of improve-
ments and freedom of traffic, and the
importance of the great industrial inter-
ests to be affected, than they could pos-
sibly be by volumes of written argu-
ment read to them in their committee
room at Washington.

The distinguished visitors are brought
face to face with facts which have
heretofore been presented to them in a
different and less effective manner. It
has been hard to make former congres-
sional committees realize that it is true
that the Ohio and Monongahela rivers
comprise the most important inland
waterway in the world in point of ton-
nage; that to increase their facilities
for usefulness means much vast possi-
bilities for one of the richest sections of
the United States, containing a great
proportion of the population of the na-
tion; that it would contribute millions
to the national wealth and put new life
into the inland commerce of the country.

Attempts have been made to impress
these facts on the minds of the statesmen
at Washington, but they have
nearly always been ineffectual, and it
is true that, notwithstanding the im-
portance of the stream, there has been
in the long period of sixty-eight years
but a little more than five million dollars
expended by the government for the
improvement of the Ohio river—an in-
significant sum compared with what
has been expended on rivers of far less
importance to the commercial and in-
dustrial interests of the country.

Elsewhere in this morning's Intelli-
gencer, in a special supplement contain-
ing a series of articles on the subject,
facts and figures are fully set forth,
showing the needs and importance of
navigation all the year round on the
Ohio and a free Monongahela and the
extension of slack water on that river,
and it is unnecessary to elaborate on the
matter here. Suffice it to say, that the
tour of the rivers and harbors com-
mittee, their contact with the people of
these valleys and their observation of
the great industrial development and re-
sources yet undeveloped, will impress
them with the fact that it is the duty
of Congress to take hold of what it is
asked to do and accomplish the work
which has been too long delayed. That
they will extend to them tonight such a hearty
welcome.

The reception to-night to be tendered
the congressional party and the ladies
accompanying it will be one of the most
notable events, from a social point of
view, in the history of Wheeling. The
members of the chamber of commerce
have spared no effort to make it a suc-

cess, and their wives and daughters
will join with them in giving to the distinguished guests a
genuine old-fashioned Virginia welcome.
The Intelligencer believes the visitors
will take back to Washington pleasant
memories of their stay in Wheeling.

A Silly Charge.

The New York Post charges that "the
continual war scare in Congress" is a
part of a mercenary scheme by which
congressmen hope to profit by stock
gambling. Of course the silly charge is
rehabilitated by the cuckoo organ of this
city.

The Post, as the organ of Wall street,
has taken the foreign side of every
international question that has yet
come before Congress. It denounced the
President's Venezuelan message and the
application of the Monroe doctrine. It
is now directing its talents toward a
denunciation of the Cuban resolutions
pending in the senate and is bravely
upholding the Spanish cause. It de-
nounces everything American and is
suffering from an acute attack of
Anglophobia. Its present charge that
the "war scare" is prompted by con-
gressional stock gamblers is simply a
part of its anti-American campaign.

The Post is doubtless aware that in
both the Venezuelan and the Cuban
matters the Congress has the solid sup-
port of the American people, without
regard to party, outside of Wall street.
The Post is also doubtless aware that
the first of the so-called "war scares"
was started by no less a person than its
own appointed one, President Cleve-
land, for whom, in all but the Venezue-
lan matter, it has posed as the especial
champion. Would the Post have the
country infer that he wrote the Monroe
doctrine message for the mercenary
purpose indicated? To be logical it
must include President Cleveland in its
charges.

There are doubtless members of Con-
gress who speculate in stocks, just as
men in every other walk of life, almost,
are indulging in that fascinating pas-
time, but to say that their course on the
Cuban and Venezuelan questions has
had anything to do with their operations
is too absurd to be credited for a mo-
ment. The whole country knows that
the Cuban resolution and the resolu-
tion sustaining the President's posi-
tion toward England were passed in re-
sponse to the universal demand of the
people of the country, and they have en-
dorsed both actions.

There was a time, however, when at
least one branch of Congress was open
to a very serious charge of the nature
indicated by the Post. It was the late
Democratic senate, while the Gorman-
land Wilson bill was pending. The Post
no doubt has a vivid recollection of the
sugar trust scandal, in which some dis-
tinguished senators were severely
scoffed.

Attention is being called to the fact
that McKinley and his managers are
not making personal attacks upon any
of the other candidates. Some of the
others would do well to follow this good
example.

The Virginia Debt Falschhood.

The following from the Grafton
Leader is going the rounds of the state
Democratic press:

The do-nothing record of the last leg-
islature, together with their corrupt at-
tempt to saddle a big share of the old
Virginia debt upon us, should and will
be sufficient to drive all honest voters
who are not politically hide-bound into
the Democratic party.

Which shows that when a lie is once
started it is hard to overtake. It has
been overtaken, however, and hauled up
very sharply. Senator Stuart F. Reed,
in his paper, the Clarksburg Telegram,
challenges any one or all of the Demo-
cratic papers circulating the falsehood
to name a single Republican in either
branch of the last legislature who, by
his vote, speech, or act, in any way
favored such action charged by the
Leader.

The facts are, as stated by Senator
Reed, that every Republican voted for
the resolution which settled the matter,
and after the resolution had reached
the senate and taken the usual course,
going to the committee on finance, the
only objection raised to taking it up
out of its order and adopting it as
passed by the house, came from the
Democratic side of the senate.

For the benefit of those who may have
been led to believe the story started by
the Grafton Leader and circulated by
others, the Intelligencer appends the
resolution which was adopted by the
overwhelmingly Republican legislature,
and to which there was practically no
opposition, for it is not believed that
even the Democrat who objected to its
consideration by the senate was really
opposed to it. Following is the resolu-
tion:

Resolved by the legislature of West Vir-
ginia: That this legislature hereby de-
clines to enter into any negotiation with
the debt commissioners, or commission,
appointed under a joint resolution adopted
by the general assembly of Virginia, in
the month of March, 1894, looking to any set-
tlement of the Virginia debt question on
the basis set forth in said joint resolution.

There was no serious opposition to this
resolution. There were some who advo-
cated receiving the Virginia commis-
sion and allowing them to present their
case, as an act of courtesy, but there
never was, in not now, and is not likely
to be any movement or attempt to have
the legislature accept Virginia's propo-
sition.

When Democratic papers talk about
"corrupt Republican schemes" to foist
a debt on this state they display either
ignorance or downright mendacity. If
ever West Virginia and Virginia came
to an agreement on the disputed ques-
tion it will only be on the basis
that will do West Virginia the fullest
justice. West Virginia has, in fact,
already done all that she feels called
upon to do, in appointing a commis-
sion some years ago on whose report
she has been willing to rest her case.

Always True.

In criticizing Governor Bradley, of
Kentucky, for calling out troops to pre-
vent murderous Democrats from over-
awing peaceable citizens, the Charle-
stown Gazette remarks: "One of the fun-
damental principles of the Democratic
party has ever been that the military
shall always be subordinate to the civil
authorities."

so in the years that have come since
then the shibboleth of the party has
been "where we can't rule we will ruin."

Allison, Reed and McKinley will be
the only candidates who will go into the
St. Louis convention with their states
solidly behind them. It is not a good
year for favorite son movements.

The river and harbor committee
should understand that just now we
have water to spare. It is not always
thus, and that, also, they should under-
stand. The way they will see the river
to-day is the way we would like it al-
ways to be. With the help of the com-
mittee we can make it so.

STATE PRESS ETCHINGS.

The Republican league meeting at
Charleston next week will be a "crack-
er-jack" for size and enthusiasm. Park-
ersburg State Journal.

General C. C. Watts has held public
office without intermission for sixteen
years. As attorney general, United
States district attorney, state senator
and district attorney again, he has made
politics a profitable trade. We can
think of no Democrat in West Virginia
upon whom more has been bestowed.

He is one of the very last men who
should be president, and, unless
it is intended to encourage Democratic
revolt. We have no wish to be per-
sonally offensive to General Watts, but it
is time now to speak plainly. —Monroe
Watchman.

A school without order and discipline
is worse than no school at all and ev-
ery parent and good citizen of the state
should encourage the faculty and board
of regents of the university in their en-
deavor to discipline the young men who
are there as students. —South Branch
Intelligencer.

The enemy do not want it so, but if
the Republicans are wise they will not
permit protection to be overhauled by
any side issue in the campaign. —
Phillippi Republican.

There are 272,300 school children in
West Virginia, of which 238,815 are en-
rolled. There are 6,115 teachers. The
state expends annually for school pur-
poses \$1,511,642. No state in the union
according to her size and population
makes a better showing than West
Virginia in her educational advantages.
—New Dominion.

The gang of boodlers who constantly
hang after the various candidates for
office ought to be dealt with in a sum-
mary way. It has gotten so that a
man who thinks it wrong to spend
money to influence voters cannot be
nominated or elected to office no mat-
ter what his qualifications for office
may be. It is high time that an en-
deavor be made to clean up this
much trouble. Most men spend money
in politics because they believe their
money is spending money, and in op-
ponent to counteract the influence of his
money they resort to the same method.
—Fayetteville Republican.

Our esteemed and valued contem-
porary, the Shepherdstown Register, re-
ferring to the many complimentary
things said of Judge W. G. Bennett in
connection with the Democratic nomi-
nation for governor, remarks, neverthe-
less, that the governor this year should
come from the eastern Panhandle, and
names Hon. A. S. Dandridge and Col.
Forrest W. Brown, of Jefferson.

Judge E. Boyd, formerly of Berkeley,
as available material. We think, however,
that we do not misconstrue our friend
of the Register when we say that he
is evidently impressed with the idea
that the party can name for the avail-
able man the party can name for the avail-
able man in question. —Greenbrier Indepen-
dent.

Colonel Clarence Smith, of the Fair-
mont Index, is a very clever newspa-
per man, and he knows his business
well enough to not monkey with the
Democratic gubernatorial nomination
this year. The colonel is smarter than
the average Democratic newspaper as-
sociates, and possessed of superior ac-
tuate political knowledge, will not let
himself to follow the will-o'-the-wisp
himself. The colonel is too good a
man to be led into pitfalls. No,
dear colonel, don't bite; stay out of
politics. —There is a man in Fairmont
who tried it once! —Morgantown Post.

CURRENT COMMENT.

New York World: The talk of a Mor-
ton-Allison combination against Mc-
Kinley should appropriately have been
deferred until April Fool's day. These
two estimable gentlemen have poverty
little to combine, and the prospect of
their party will have still less by the time
the national convention meets. If the
whole field could not beat McKinley, two
of its half-dozen or more members cer-
tainly cannot accomplish it.

How It Would Work.

New York Press: A sapient Kansas
judge rules that a man who calls upon
a woman regularly and occasionally
takes her to entertainments is engaged to
her. If this notion ever becomes
general most women will be obliged to
pay for their own theatre tickets.

Both Protest Too Much.

New York Mail and Express: More
than a week has passed since Mr.
Whitney last declined the Democratic
nomination. This neglect may be due
to an oversight, but on the other hand,
possibly Mr. Whitney may be afraid of
overdoing the declination act.

Animus of European Powers.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: It looks as if the
reason Europe is dissatisfied with the
United States is that this nation sym-
patizes with the oppressed. It sent aid
to the Armenians, supported the Ven-
ezuelans and sympathized with the Cu-
biens. European press and politicians
are enraged. They do not know
where that habit of sympathy for the
down-trodden might not hit next.

Opens a New Field.

Chicago Tribune: If the officials at
Washington accept the plea of the Ken-
tucky postmaster's wife, who says she
broke open a letter merely to see what
was in it, there is a new field open for
women. An insatiable curiosity might
excuse the breaking open of a safe to
see what is in it, rifling pockets to see
what is in them, and even committing
bigamy to see what there is in it.

All Clean and Whorly.

Chicago Inter-Ocean: Not a man has
been prominently mentioned in connec-
tion with the Republican canvass for
president, and the nomination of a candi-
date for President will be worthy of the honor.

The thing to do is to select the strongest
man before the people. It will require
no mud-slinging to do this. Let it be a
clean, fair campaign, that will end in a
united Republican party. Any other
course is folly barely above the level
of the criminal. It is well to bear con-
stantly in mind that after a nomination
comes an election.

In Real Life.

Chicago Tribune: "You have no
heart."

CHEW

AND

SMOKE

WALTON'S

ANTI-NERVOUS

ANTI-DYSPEPTIC

POUCH

A WORD

ABOUT SHOES.

WEST VIRGINIANS

Who Have Been Kindly Treated by the

Pension Department.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.

Pensions have been issued to West Vir-

ginians as follows:

Original—Joseph K. Bryson, Wheel-

ing; Mary E. Palmer, Barracksville; John

C. Leonard, Teays; Sarah E. Horner,

Morgan's Glade; Louisa J. Traher,

West Union; Jacob Raber, Cornwell; An-

nie J. Yates, Limestone; Mary Ed-

ge, Smithfield; James G. Downing,

Minor; Nancy A. Kiasane, Charleston;

Rhodes Lead, Dunlow; Mary E. Win-

miller, Lumberport; Mary E. Molley,

Sassafraz; T. R. Williams; Montgom-

ery; Sarah V. Long, Parkersburg; An-

geline Jacks, Milton; Edward S. Ell-

fritz, Ridgeville; Lewis S. Mullens,

Pleasant Retreat; Mandville J. Mas-

sey, Chesapeake; James M. Moore, Mam-

moth; Jerusha A. Redman, Liberty.

Increase—George Modespaugh, Hog-

e; Benjamin C. Davis, Waldo; Robert

Hughes, Fairmont; John W. Hebl,

Whites; Samuel Hoffman, Brighton;

George W. Ashby, Newburg; William

Large, Egypt; Thomas D. Fauver,

Point Pleasant; Smith R. Irwin, Cor-

kstown.

Supplemental—John H. Grim, Mar-

tinsburg; Elias Kelley, Terra Alta.

Renewal—William Braham, Rowles-

burg.

Restoration and Reissue—Thomas

Harris, Jr., (deceased), Wheeling.

FLEMINGTON REPUBLICANS

Elect a Delegate to Charleston and En-

dorse Atkinson for Governor.

Special Correspondence.

FLEMINGTON, W. Va., March 19.

Pursuant to the call of the president

John O'Day of the Republican League

Club, of Flemington, the Republicans

of Flemington district assembled in

Shields's hall for the purpose of re-or-

ganizing and to select a delegate to the

state league meeting at Charleston, W.

Va.

Promptly at 7.30 p. m. President O'Day

rapped for order and announced the

object of the meeting.

On motion of Marshal D. Barrett,

John O'Day was re-elected president by

acclamation, and Clark Cather was

elected secretary. On motion of Claud

Wyckoff, this club is named the George

W. Atkinson Republican League Club,

of Flemington.

The second Tuesday evening of each

month was selected as regular meeting

night.

William L. Shields was elected dele-

gate to the league meeting at Char-

leston, W. Va., with H. F. Brohard al-

ternate.

A committee composed of John A.

Springer, H. F. Brohard and J. Clark

Cather was selected to draw up resolu-

tions setting out the purpose and

duties of the club, which reported a ring-

ing address, which were ordered read

on the minutes.

The resolutions declare the club's in-

tention of supporting G. A. Atkinson

for governor.

On motion ordered that any citizen

of Taylor county may become a mem-

ber of the club by endorsing the ad-

dress and signing the roll.

MANNING REPUBLICANS IN LINE.

Special Correspondence.

MANNING, W. Va., March 19.

Col. W. H. Brand, county organizer

of league clubs, was here last night

and re-organized the Goff Club, of this

place. The prospect is that a full de-

legation will go from this place; also,

Senator James H. Furber. Following is

the list of delegates and officers elec-

ted: James S. Furber, president; Dr.

M. C. Miller, secretary; delegates: Dr.

Johnson, secretary; delegates to the

state league meeting at Charleston, A.

J. Hays, J. D. Charlton, W. H. John-

son, A. J. Morris, L. D. Beatty; al-

ternates, H. E. B. B. B. B. B. B. B. B. B.

Han, M. A. Morgan, R. P. Floyd.

How's This

We offer One Hundred Dollars Re-

ward for any case of Catarrh that can-